

Chair Doherty, Co-Vice Chairs Sprenger and Frederick and members of the Committee:

I am planning to come to Salem on Monday for the OEA/Oregon PTA Lobby Day and won't be able to come tomorrow to testify in person in support of HB 2835. I believe passage of HB 2835 is essential for a variety of reasons:

1. The standards are developmentally inappropriate for the younger grades and fall short of "college ready" for High School math. Districts need the flexibility to ignore standards that will not help children learn for their age and level of brain development. Districts also need the flexibility to improve upon the standards where they fall short.
2. Districts have not been adequately resourced to fully train teachers and administrators on the common core standards or to review, develop and pilot test curriculum to teach to the common core standards. As a result, many districts are buying off the shelf mass produced standardized "common core" aligned curriculum without local teacher input.

Please read [Four Common Core 'flimflams'](#) written by NY High School Principal Carol Burris for a professional review of the problems with the Common Core. "Award-winning Principal Carol Burris of South Side High School in New York was once a supporter of the Common Core but came to be a critic after her state began to implement the initiative. Burris was named New York's 2013 High School Principal of the Year by the School Administrators Association of New York and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and in 2010, tapped as the 2010 New York State Outstanding Educator by the School Administrators Association of New York State.

Please include the attached article in the public record.

Thank you for considering my concerns and for your service on behalf of Oregon's children and families.

Sincerely,

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